



In Loving Memory of

James Watts



Sunrise: July 29, 1973

Sunset: February 26, 2017



Obituary

James was born on July 29, 1973, at Flower Fifth Avenue Hospital. James grew up in Drew Hamilton Houses on 143rd Street and 7th Avenue.

James was educated in the public school system, he attended P. S. 194, I. S. 10 and Brandeis High School.

James lovingly known as "Moonie" was a very quiet child, so when I found out he could sing I was shocked. James started a singing group known as Smooove Appeal, the original group members were Billy, Kimane, Chris, and Keith, and later Lester and Mike. Smooove Appeal would sing on the project breezeway where they were heard by many people. Smooove Appeal was well known in the neighborhood.

James spent ten years of his life working for Harlem United.

James met Lasheryl Heyward, where they had three children, Darrell Watts, Erika Watts and Fayana Watts. James loved his children and would go to the end of the earth for them.

James went on to release three cd's the first titled JW, the second was the Formula. James had just released his new single titled Your Body. James was getting ready to go back into the studio to work on his third album. James was a talented singer and song writer, who could write a song at a drop of a dime.

James will be missed for his sense of humor and smile. James use to call his mother "Shorty Whip Whop" and his mother lovingly called him "Head". James was a great son and a dynamic and amazing father. James was loved by many and will be greatly missed.

James leaves to mourn: his mother, Stephanie Watts-Cox from Greenbelt, Maryland; his father, Lanair McMurren from Syracuse, NY; his step-father, Earl Cox from New York, NY; the man that helped raise him until he was seven years old, Kevin Brown from Schenectady; his common law wife, Lasheryl Heyward; children, Darrell Watts, Erika Watts and Fayanna Watts; step-daughter, Cynthia Heyward from Stratford, CT; his brothers, Jamal Rucker, Christopher Persley, Lanair McMurren, Lando McMurren and L J McMurren; his sister, Lakare McMurren; his step-brother, Earl Cox; his uncles, Michael Watts, Kenneth Watts and Leon Edwards; his aunts, Brenda Valdez, Yolanda Wesley, Chinique Watts, Lakisha Watts, Lawana Pennington and Chakiya Watts, Eve Lee, and Alexis Virgin; special acknowledgement to Charles Smith Hough, Ioy Jenkins, Jessie Johnson and Andrea Cobbs; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

From his Step-father, Earl Cox:

Moonie as he was affectionately known by family, friends and loved ones was a loyal and admirable person to have in one's life. He touched so many people, because when there is light in the soul there is beauty in the person. Moonie was a laid back person that had that light in his soul and was full of love for his family, friends and loved ones, he loved Darrell, Erika, Fayanna, his mother and his soul mate Lasheryl with a passion beyond understanding.

Moonie's life had value, because he attributed so much value to other people in his life. His venerable life extended to the employees he worked with and to clients he worked for, he held everyone in high regard and was open to helping anyone that needed assistance. He was a singer, song writer, lover, friend and loyal person full of love, compassion and kindness. Moonie is a person that will be loved forever whether he is here or not.

Our Hearts still ache in sadness and secret tears still flow, what it meant to lose you no one will seem to know.

Service

Monday, March 6, 2017 - 6:00 p.m.

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Order of Service

Processional

Solo....."Lie Under You" - Billy Minor

Scripture Reading

Prayer

Solo....."His Eye Is On The Sparrow" - Breianna Fields

Remarks

Obituary.....Kimane Cooper

Solo....."It's Going To Be Okay" - Herb Mcneil

Eulogy

Benediction

Recessional....."Tears In Heaven" - Gary Samuels

Final Disposition

*Oxford Hills Crematory
Chester, New York*

*Repast will be held following the service at
Esplande Gardens
129-133 W.147th Street
North Community Room*



I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day.
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it up with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much.
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free!*

-author unknown

Acknowledgement

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of
kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.
May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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